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A Note From Pastor Andrew

Well I'm back from vacation. It was short and it was nice to have a little R&R. Katie and I were able for the first time since the kids were born to get away alone together. That was real nice. I didn't realize that until she said it to someone, but it's the truth. With the kids at camp, Katie and I found a chance for reconnection, and as I have thought about that I cannot help but think of how we find reconnection with God.

Part of our duties as disciples is to share the Word. To tell the world about the good news of Jesus Christ, to help people find connection with God. Yet, how do we nurture this connection once we have it? What does it mean to care for this connection? How do we remain connected, always?

I could feel like a broken record saying this, but something we must constantly hear is when it comes to our connection with God we are the ones that sever it, God remains constant. Therefore, I continue to wonder, why do we get in the way? Why is it so hard to believe God would love us no matter what? Why do we try to complicate the simple truth? God is love, God is forgiveness, God is our all in all. Questions for and of the ages, I guess.

However, I do know this, without any of you, the Church at large, without each other...how are we to break through any of the walls we put up keeping us away from God? To be honest, I don't know the answer to that; I don't know where I would begin to seek the answer to such a question. Without the Church and all the "ragamuffins" in it, myself included, I would be lost. In fact many times I find myself needing to be reminded of that even with God on my side. I am not lost, I am saved and free because of the grace of our Lord, and so is everyone I meet. So is everyone we all meet. There is something greater at work here than you and me, God is at work, and God's works are amazing. What good news this is, what great news.

So, who do you want to share that with, who needs to find or rediscover this glorious gift? Remember God only asks one thing; come as you are not as you think you should be.

Blessings,

Pastor Andrew

Worship and Christian Education Opportunities

River of Hope Worship

The next River of Hope will be Thursday, July 24, 2013;
we have a free meal at 5:45 p.m. with Worship following at 6:30 p.m.
We Worship in the Form of Taize' - come and check it out!

Sunday Worship Times

CTK worship time is 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.
Fellowship time immediately following worship

Join us at our new location, 148 Maple Grove Rd, Lapeer, MI.

Christian Education

Sunday school is out for the summer! Join us in the fall. If you are interested in teaching Sunday school please see Pastor Andrew.

Bible Study

Please join us every Sunday for "Questions for Jesus". Pastor Andrew leads this bible study every Sunday between services. We will meet at 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Grab a cup of coffee and join us!

Lutheran 101

During the move we will not have class, but look for it to start up again ASAP.

Join us for Lutheran 101. Learn the teachings of Martin Luther and what it means to be Lutheran, and much more!

Announcements

CTK Food pantry

The CTK food pantry is in need of all kinds of nonperishable food. Please help us restock!

Electronic Offering

Did you know you can have your offering automatically deducted from your bank account? CTK offers this program. It is easy and convenient. You decide the amount and the frequency of your automatic gift. Please see Terri Forthoffer or Sue Halamka for an authorization form.

Food Bank of Eastern Michigan

We are in need of someone to take over this program. Once a month the boxes need to be picked up in Flint and delivered to 4 different locations. If you are interested in helping with this please see Sue Halamka or Terri Forthoffer. The Senior Box program provides supplemental food boxes to people each month through our annual sponsorship. For \$200 (total), you will get a 45-50 pound box of non-perishable food every month for one year. Donations can also be made to CTK, "Food Bank", to help sponsor a person in need or to help purchase produce, meat and baked goods each month. We are looking for people to help with this awesome ministry. We are in need of people to go once a month to FBEM to pick up the Senior boxes and deliver them. Please see Terri Forthoffer or Sue Halamka for more information.

Holy SCRIP-tures

Great news comes to you from our Holy Scriptures program!!! Sorry for the delay but the news has arrived! In April our program earned a net profit of \$211.65 and May/June we earned a net profit of \$134.01. The total net profit for the 2nd quarter of 2014 is \$345.36. The program is set up to donate 80% of the net profit to the building fund and 20% remains in the bank to maintain inventory and pay for software and shipping fees. We currently have approximately \$1400 in our inventory or immediate purchase. With this we are happy to announce that for the second quarter of 2014 our Holy Scrip-tures program is donating \$276.29 to our building fund. Increasing this amount is very easy! If we can have 80% of our families utilizing the program on a regular basis God only now how this number will increase.

Thrivent

We will be asking for congregation members to help with projects that we can do for people in the area ie: painting or minor home repairs, help with yard work etc. It needs to be a person or business (day care as an example) that has a simple project and can involve from 5-7 volunteers and will not cost more than a couple hundred dollars. If you know of someone that fits this criteria please fill out an application and it will be submitted to the Thrivent Board at their July meeting. These projects fall under the "Critical needs" category and are easily funded. Applications will be on the Thrivent Info board. Put the completed applications in the Thrivent mail slot in the office.

Thank-you in advance.

Marsha Schultz

Events and Workshops

Putt Putt and Go-Karts

Mark your calendars for August 10 at 12:30 p.m. We will meet at Lake Nepessing Golfland. Cost is \$6.50 for a round of golf or \$12 for a round of golf and 2 go-kart rides. Sign up on the Fellowship bulletin board.

Loons Baseball game

Loons game on Sunday, Aug 17th at 3:00 pm. We have a bus reserved to take us and bring us home, We need 50 people signed up to get the bus—the cost is \$9.50 per person. This includes the bus and the cost of the game ticket. Please sign up on the bulletin board, please include your telephone number. Invite friends and family!

CTK Golf Outing

CTK Golf Outing is Sunday, September 7 at 1:00 p.m. at Arcadia Hills Golf Course. Cost is \$15.00 per person. This includes 9 holes of golf, hot dogs and hamburgers* afterward. This will be a scramble for teams of 3 or 4, shotgun start. We will have prizes!!! *Potluck at Arcadia Hills immediately following. Please bring a side dish to share, there will be a cooler to put food in. Sign up on the bulletin board. Invite family and friends.

Lapeer Days

We will be having a booth at Lapeer Days again. We need volunteers to be at the booth to represent CTK. Fun times for the entire family!!! Watch for more details. Lapeer Days is August 15-17.

CTK Spirit Wear

We are ordering again! We have T-shirts, polos, hoodies, and sweatshirts available with the CTK logo.

T-shirts-\$11.00 S-M-L-XL (XXL-\$12.50, XXXL-\$14.00)
Polo's-\$18.25 S-M-L-XL (XXL-\$20.75, XXXL-\$23.25)
Hoodies-\$26.00 S-M-L-XL (XXL-\$28.50, XXXL-\$31.00)
Zipper Hoodie-\$36.25 S-M-L-XL (XXL-\$38.75, XXXL-\$41.25)
Crew neck sweatshirt-\$18.25 S-M-L-XL (XXL-\$20.75, XXXL-\$23.25)
Cash or check needed when ordering. Make checks payable to "Christ the King"
Order will be placed on August 4 so we have them for Lapeer Days.
T-shirts available in Lime green, light blue, royal blue, navy blue, orange,
Light pink, gray, sand, red, maroon, bright purple
Sweatshirts and Polo's available in light blue, royal blue, navy blue, orange,
Light pink, gray, sand, red, maroon, bright purple

CTK Teams

Marketing and Publicity Team

We are in need of people to put together and publicity team to promote all the wonderful things going on at CTK. Please see Pastor Andrew if you are interested.

Fellowship Team

The Fellowship team will meet on August 10 at 8:30 a.m. (please note the time change). We are looking for new faces to join our team. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please join us for the meeting.

Outreach Team

Next meeting is August 7 at 7:30 p.m. CTK will be working with Project Homeless Connect again this November. If you need more information, please contact Michelle Komisak. We will be collecting new Tee Shirts, Underwear and Socks. We will need all sizes for Men, Woman and Children. So, if you see a sale between now and November, you can buy now, bring it in, and we will store them until the November distribution.

Worship Team

The next Worship team meeting is on July 24 at 5:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join us.

CTK Small Groups

Bible Study

Nora Murray will be opening her home for a Women's Bible Study at 1:00 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is Wednesday, August 20. If you are interested please call Nora at 810-356-5049.

Exercise Group

Watch for details on when we will resume.

Sowing Threads of Fellowship

Sowing Threads of Fellowship meets the first Tuesday of each month in people's homes. The next meeting time is Tuesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Hash.

Women's Group

Women's group meets the second Tuesday of each month at CTK. Come and join us for fellowship, food and devotion. The next meeting is August 12 at 6:00 p.m. at 148 Maple Grove Rd, Lapeer, MI. Please bring a dish to share.

Schedule of Events

Every Friday - Pastor Andrew's day off

Thursday, July 24

River of Hope

5:00 pm Worship Team meeting
5:45 pm Free Meal
6:30 pm Worship

Sunday, July 27

9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Bible Study.

Thursday, July 31

River of Hope

5:45 pm Free Meal
6:30 pm Worship

Sunday, August 3

9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Bible Study.

Tuesday, August 5

7:00 pm Sewing Threads of
Fellowship*

Thursday, August 7

River of Hope

5:45 pm Free Meal
6:30 pm Worship
7:30 pm Outreach Team meeting

Sunday, August 10

8:30 am Fellowship Team mtg.
9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Go Kart and MiniGolf*

Serving schedule

Serving Today

Lector: Gary Herfert
Prayers: Gary Herfert
Comm. Asst.: Sue Halamka
Comm. & Offering Usher:
Bulletin Gr. & Offering Usher:
Musician: Pat Nelson

Serving Next Week

Pat Nelson

Please sign up on the bulletin board by the church office. We need your participation. If this is something you would like to try, but you aren't sure or have questions, please see Pastor Andrew.

Everyone is encouraged to sign up to serve—youth too!!

Remembering in Prayers

For Extra Healing:

Dean

Leon (health, brother of Pat Finchem)

John Kovalick (health, father of John Kovalick)

Scott Finchem (son of Dean and Pat Finchem)

Deb Howes (continued good health sister of Sue Halamka)

Gerald & Alvera Houck (health, parents of Paula Kovalick)

Katelyn Gilliam (health, granddaughter of Doug & Linda Gilliam)

Karen Scurich (cancer, cousin of Jeff Anderson)

Chris Austreng (recovering from kidney transplant, nephew of Cindy Goerke)

Judy Dyer (cancer, aunt of Steve Mitchell)

Steve Mall (cancer, family of Connie Peterman)

Brenda June (cancer, co-worker of Robin Mitchell)

John Soloy (health, family of Connie Peterman)

Jonas Barnes (health, friend of Dean and Pat Finchem)

Brett Carr and family (friends of Terri Frankenstein)

John Schietecatte (health, brother-in-law of Dean and Pat Finchem)

Hope Venema (health, mother of Chris Venema)

Joyce Avery (health)

Martha Holmes (health, mother of Stacy Barden)

Karen Barnes (cancer, cousin of Stacy Barden)

Karin Anderson (health)

Steve and Rhonda Smith (health, son and daughter-in-law of Linda Hash)

Ed and Marcy Howell (health)

Tim Komisak (health, brother of John Komisak)

Kathy M. (cancer, friend of Janet Kropp and Sue Gregory-Herfert)

Janet Kropp (health)

Barbara Osoba (health, friend of Paula Carpenter)

Lisa Ann Wright (cancer, friend of Kelly Greenwald)

Harold Elliott (health, father of Cathy Davis)

Erin Lowery (health, daughter of Cindy Goerke)

Denise Kovacs (health, friend of Karin Anderson)

Mark Noble and family (cancer and strength, friend of Marty and Sharon Stefani)

Bonnie Kay Jenkins (health, cousin of Sharon Stefani)

Marilyn Mitchell (health, mother of Steve Mitchell)

Ken Nelson (health)

Judy Lara (step-mom of Gloria Lara)

Michael Hartman (continued good health, son-in-law of Bill and Dawn Larsen)

Mike and Linda Hash (health)

Dylan Goerke (health, grandson of Cindy Goerke)

Craig Lambourn (health, son of Debbie Lambourn)

Barbara (health, mother of Kelly Greenwald)

Charlie Sanchez (health, father of Terri Forthoffer)

Chuck McMillian (recovering from car accident, friend of Karin Anderson)

Tracey Anderson (healing, sister of Jeff and Karin Anderson)

Shanea Carver (health)

Autumn Renee Umphrey (health, granddaughter of Sandi Ryan)

Dan Leming (health, son-in-law of Cheryl Lerner)
Carl Ryan (health)
Bob Bradford (health, friend of Gail Carlson)
Marty and Sharon Stefani (recovering from car accident)
Brady (newborn, friend of the Barden family)
Elayna Sandeen (cancer, 5 year old cousin of Sue Halamka)
Bob Ray (health, friend of Karin Anderson)
Bob Hughes (health, father of Debbie Lambourn)
Peggy Krummel (cancer, friend of Gail Carlson)
Rick Sanford (health, co-worker of Jeff Anderson)
Sarah (niece of Pastor Andrew and Katie Gookin)
Sue Halamka (health)
Jacob Smith (health, son of Pastor Todd Smith)
Riley Mickle (health)
Gail Carlson (health)
Barb Gottschalk (health, friend of the Halamka family)
Holli Sommerfeld (health)
Stacy Barden (upcoming surgery)
Tom G. (health, co-worker of Nick Barden)
All those without jobs and seeking employment
Those Left Unnamed

Celebration of Life:

Family and friends of Ed Duncan (friend of Gail Carlson)

Military Personnel:

Logan Sitze
Mark Stefani
Jeff Wesley
Adam Stern
Benjamin J. Smith
Michelle Sitze
Blake Mason
Megan Belprez
Mark Gottschalk
Kenny Friedle
Ryan Moss
Jacob Labert
Drew Cox
Hunter Snow
Caleb Taylor
Nick Strong

Partners in Ministry:

Beautiful Savior, Bloomfield Hills
Calvary, Clarkston
First English, Grosse Pointe Woods
Holy Spirit, Grand Blanc
Zion, Ann Arbor
Abiding Presence, Rochester Hills